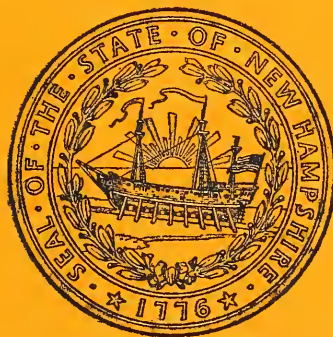


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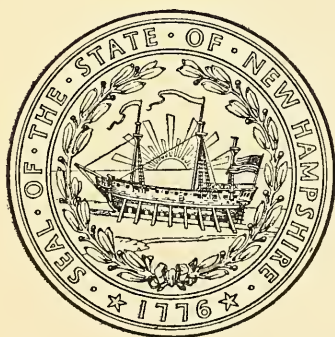
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TOWN OFFICERS

**Moderator**

C. DENIS MATTHEWS

**Town Clerk**

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

**Selectmen**

WALTER S. STEVENS    LAUIE A. NETTLETON  
VERNON MATTHEWS

**Highway Surveyor**

PERLEY MATTHEWS

**Treasurer**

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

**Tax Collector**

ANNIE M. ESTY

**Land Agents**

SELECTMEN

**Librarian**

ANNE S. NETTLETON

**Police**

LEWIS J. ALBERT

**Health Officer**

SELECTMEN

**Auditors**

FLORA MATTHEWS                      ZELMA WATTS

**Trustee of Trust Funds**

LAUIE A. NETTLETON

**Library Trustees**

FLORA MATTHEWS    ILEENE A. MATTHEWS  
LAUIE A. NETTLETON

**Janitor**

VERNON MATTHEWS

**Constable**

JAMES ALBERT

**Fire Warden**

ERNEST E. MATTHEWS

**Deputy Wardens**

CARROLL G. MATTHEWS

FLOYD COLBY

**State of New Hampshire****TOWN WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at three o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same in accordance with the budget herewith attached.

3. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount for prompt payment of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell or dispose of all highway equipment and contract out snow removal and highway maintenance.

6. To see if the Town will vote to use \$600 of the total highway appropriation to contract for tarring and sealing the unfinished portion of the Cheever Road.

7. To see if the Town will take over the operation and management of the Library Annex.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of or administer any real estate acquired by Tax Collector deeds.

**Other articles may be added before warrant is posted.**

Given under our hands and seal, this 2nd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty.

WALTER S. STEVENS  
VERNON MATTHEWS  
L. A. NETTLETON

Selectmen of Groton

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

WALTER S. STEVENS  
VERNON MATTHEWS  
L. A. NETTLETON

Selectmen of Groton

Note: Polls will be open from 3 P. M. to 8 P. M.

The Town Meeting will open immediately after the School District Meeting which will begin at 6 P. M.

Supper will be served from 5 to 6 P. M.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Groton:

The fiscal year has ended with a cash balance of \$4,724.56 and liabilities (chiefly due the school district) of \$4,977.93, or a cash deficit of \$253.37. This deficit however will be converted to a surplus when the cash due from the state for flood damage is received.

Based on the proposed appropriations and assuming no appreciable increase in assessments, the tax rate for 1960 shall be in the neighborhood of \$3.00 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The flood damage has cost the town the sum of \$3,880.14 of which amount the State of New Hampshire is expected to contribute the sum of \$2,587.31 which will result in a net cost to the town of \$1,292.83.

Serious consideration should be given Article 5 in the warrant relative to the disposal of the highway department equipment. General expense of the highway department was \$1,293.41 in 1958 and \$1,025.26 in 1959, the major portion of which was repairs to the town truck.

Your selectmen feel that snow removal and road maintenance could be contracted for, at a considerable saving to the town. The cost of snow removal in 1959 was the sum of \$2,344.91 less the amounts received from the state and from plowing driveways of \$1,357.90 or a net cost of \$987.01. However the general highway expense was \$1,025.26, which is more than the amounts spent for labor, etc., in plowing snow, and this sum does not include any depreciation on the equipment.

In conclusion your retiring selectmen extend their best wishes to the new board.

WALTER STEVENS  
VERNON MATTHEWS  
L. A. NETTLETON

Selectmen of Groton



### SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	\$ 290,240.00
Electric Plants	206,620.00
Stock in Trade	300.00
Boats and Launches	150.00
Horses, Asses and Mules	900.00
Cows	1,150.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	150.00
Portable Mills, Well Drilling Machinery	3,175.00
Wood, Lumber, Logs, Eec.	150.00
Total Gross Valuation before Exemptions	
Allowed	502,835.00
Less: Veterans' Exemptions and Exemptions	
to Blind	10,250.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Com-	
puted	492,585.00

#### Electric and Gas Utility Companies

New England Power	\$ 201,630.00
White Mountain Power	220.00
N. H. Electric	4,770.00
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Total	\$ 206,620.00
Amt. property valuation exempted to	
veterans	\$ 10,250.00

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Number of inventories distributed	173
Number of inventories returned	94
Number of veterans who received property	
exemption	11
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	14

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year Jan. 1, 1960 to Dec. 31, 1960, compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan. 1, 1959 to Dec. 31, 1959.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Yr. 1959	Actual Revenue Previous Yr. 1959	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Yr. 1960
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$65.79	\$65.79	\$60.00
Savings Bank Tax	1.00	64.00	
Reimb. a/c State & Fed. forest lands	18.00	19.05	19.00
T.R.A.		227.70	
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Dog Licenses	50.00	47.40	45.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	1.00	1.50	1.50
Interest Received on Taxes & Deposits	100.00	87.29	85.00
Income of Departments:			
Highway, incl. rental of equipment	800.00	1,357.90	150.00
School Dist., printing of report		34.00	34.00
A. S. Nettleton, printing of report		4.00	
Refund of Insurance		47.59	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	600.00	641.59	600.00
Sale of Town Property		114.00	
T.R.A. Funds to be used to repay			
FloodDamage			1,910.21
S. of N.H. Share of Flood Damage			677.10
<b>Cash Surplus</b>	<b>2,864.17</b>	<b>2,864.17</b>	<b>(253.37)</b>
<b>From local taxes other than property taxes:</b>			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	100.00	42.00	100.00
Yield Taxes	800.00	817.81	800.00
Total Revenues From All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$5,299.96	\$6,372.33	\$4,228.44
<b>Amt. to be Raised by Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$17,240.47</b>		
(\$653.32 Overlay)			

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N. H.

Purposes of Expenditures	Appropriations Pervious Year 1959	Actual Expenditures Pre- vious Yr. 1959	Unexpended(Over- draft) 1959	Estimated Expenditures En- suing Yr. 1960
Current Maintenance Expenses				
<b>General Government:</b>				
Town officers' salaries	\$1,000.00	\$898.66	\$101.34	\$1,000.00
Town officers' expenses	700.00	664.46	35.54	700.00
Elec. & regist. expenses	150.00	115.07	34.93	350.00
Exp. town hall, other bldgs.	400.00	345.40	54.60	300.00
<b>Protection of persons &amp; prop.</b>				
Police department	50.00	35.00	15.00	50.00
Fire department	100.00		100.00	100.00
Blister rust				100.00
Insurance	300.00	154.65	145.35	300.00
Civil defense	50.00		50.00	50.00
<b>Health:</b> Incl. hospitals	25.00		25.00	25.00
Vital statistics	5.00		5.00	5.00
Town dump	600.00	512.47	87.53	200.00
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>				
Town maintenance-summer	3,000.00	2,860.37	139.63	2,600.00
Town maintenance-winter	3,000.00	2,344.91	655.09	1,500.00
Gen. exp., highway dept.	1,000.00	1,025.26	(25.26)	1,000.00
Town road aid	249.16	249.16		247.46
<b>Libraries</b>	300.00	300.00		300.00
<b>Public welfare:</b> Town poor	50.00		50.00	50.00
Old age assistance	900.00	1,111.21	(211.21)	1,200.00
<b>Recreation:</b> Parks & playgr.'nds	100.00	49.24	50.76	100.00
<b>Public service enterprises:</b>				
Cemeteries	100.00	24.28	75.72	50.00
<b>Unclassified:</b>				
Damages & legal expenses	200.00		200.00	100.00
Advertising & regional assoc.	50.00	50.00		50.00
<b>Interest:</b> On temporary loans	125.00	55.00	70.00	50.00
<b>Outlay for new constr. &amp; perm. improv.</b>				
<b>Highways &amp; bridges:</b>				
Flood damage		3,880.14	(3,880.14)	
<b>Payment on prin. of debt:</b>				
Long term notes	1,000.00	1,000.00		
County taxes	967.59	967.59		1,000.00
School taxes	7,565.36	3,000.00	(4,565.36)	4,765.28
Total Expenditures	\$21,987.11	\$19,642.87	(\$2,344.24)	\$16,792.74

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS  
AND TAXES ASSESSED**

**Appropriations:**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00
Election and Registration Expenses	150.00
Town Hall & Buildings Maintenance	400.00
Police Department	50.00
Fire Department	100.00
Insurance	300.00
Civilian Defense	50.00
Health Department	25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	600.00
Town Road Aid	249.16
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	3,000.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept	1,000.00
Libraries	300.00
Old Age Assistance	900.00
Public Relief	50.00
Park and Playgrounds	100.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	
including Dog Damage	200.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	50.00
Payment on Debt—Principal	1,000.00
Payment on Debt —Interest	125.00
<b>Total Town Appropriations</b>	<b>————— \$ 13,454.16</b>
County Tax	\$ 967.59
School Tax	7,565.36
<b>Total Town, County &amp; School</b>	
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>————— \$ 21,987.11</b>

**Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:**

Interest on Taxes	\$ 100.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	65.79
Savings Bank Tax	1.00
Reimb. a/c State & Federal Lands	18.00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	800.00
Dog Licenses	50.00
Business Licenses and Permits	1.00
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	800.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	600.00
Cash Surplus	2,864.17
Total Revenues and Credits	————— \$ 5,299.96
	\$ 16,687.15
Plus Overlay	653.32
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	17,340.47
Less 50 of Poll Taxes at \$2.00	100.00

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**Amount to be raised by property taxes                    \$ 17,240.47**

**Taxes to be committed to Collector:**

Property taxes	\$ 17,240.47
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	100.00
Total Taxes to be committed	————— \$ 17,340.47

**Tax Rate — \$3.50**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

## ASSETS

Cash	
In Hands of Treasurer	\$ 4,724.56
Accounts Due to the Town	
Flood Damage — TRA Funds	\$ 1,910.21
Flood Damage — 50 per cent	677.10
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1958	265.48
Levy of 1957	297.42
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1959	2,174.41
Levy of 1958	112.68
Levy of 1957	174.15
State Head Taxes — Levy of 1959	185.00
State Head Taxes — Previous Years	20.00
Total Assets	<hr/> \$ 10,541.01
Grand Total	10,541.01
Surplus, Dec. 31, 1958	5,358.91
Surplus, Dec. 31, 1959	5,563.08
Increase of Surplus	204.17

## LIABILITIES

Due to State:	
State Head Taxes — 1959	
Collected, not remitted to state Treasurer	\$185.00
Uncollected, not remitted to State Treasurer	227.57
Due to School Districts	4,565.36
Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$ 4,977.93
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	5,563.08
Grand Total	<hr/> \$ 10,541.01

## RECEIPTS

## Current Revenue :

**From Local Taxes:** collected and remitted to Tres.

Property Taxes, cur. yr.	\$ 15,119.18	
Poll Taxes, cur. yr.	42.00	
Yield Taxes, 1959	921.45	
State Head Taxes at \$5, 1959	150.00	
Total Current Year's Taxes		
collected and remitted		\$ 16,232.63
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes, previous yrs.		2,447.09
Poll Taxes, previous yrs.		44.00
State Head Taxes at \$5, previous yrs.		150.00
Interest received on Taxes		87.29
Penalties on State Head Taxes		16.50
Tax sales redeemed		511.24

**From State:**

For Town Road Aid	227.70	
Interest and dividends tax	65.79	
Savings Bank Tax	.64	
Reimbursement a/c State and		
Federal forest lands	19.05	
Bounties		313.18

**From Local Sources, Except Taxes:**

Dog licenses	47.40	
Business licenses, permits and filing		
fees	1.50	
Rent of town property	1,357.90	
Reg. motor vehicles, 1958 permits	641.59	
		\$ 2,048.39

Total Current Revenue Receipts \$ 21,850.32

**Receipts Other than Current Revenue:**

Temporary loans in anticipation		
of taxes during year	\$ 2,000.00	
Refunds	47.59	

Reimbursement for Pages in Town Report	38.00	
Total receipts other than cur. rev. —————		\$ 2,199.59
		<hr/>
Total Receipts from All Sources	24,049.91	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1959	3,310.69	
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Grand Total		\$ 27,360.60

### PAYMENTS

#### Current Maintenance Expenses:

##### **General Government:**

Town officers salaries	\$ 898.66	
Town officers' expenses	664.46	
Election and registration expenses	115.07	
Exp. town hall and other bldgs.	345.40	
	—————	\$ 2,023.59

##### **Protection of Persons and Property:**

Police department	\$ 35.00	
Insurance	154.65	
	—————	\$ 189.65

##### **Health:**

Town dumps and garbage removal	512.47	
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##### **Highways and Bridges:**

Town Road Aid	\$ 249.16	
Town Maintenance		
Summer	\$ 2,860.37	
Winter	2,344.91	
	—————	\$ 5,205.28
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	1,025.26	
	—————	\$ 6,479.10

<b>Libraries</b>	300.00	
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##### **Public Welfare:**

Old age assistance	1,111.21	
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**Recreation**

Parks and playground	49.24
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**Public Service Enterprises:**

Cemeteries	24.28
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	\$ 10,690.14
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**Unclassified:**

Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$ 50.00	
Taxes bought by town	205.17	
Payment to State a/c Yield		
Tax Debt Retirement	105.75	
Employees' Retirement		
& Social Security		360.92

**Interest:**

Paid on long term notes	\$ 30.00	
Paid on bonded debt	25.00	
		55.00

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**Outlay for New Construction****Equipment and Permanent Improvements:**

Flood Damage	3,880.14
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**Indebtedness:**

Payments on temporary loans		
in anticipation of taxes	\$ 2,000.00	
Payments on long		
term notes	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>Total Indebtedness Payments</b>	<hr/>	\$ 3,000.00

**Payments to Other****Governmental Divisions:**

State Head Taxes paid		
State Treas.	\$ 341.50	
Taxes paid to County	967.59	
Payments to School Distrtcts		
1958 Tax	\$ 340.75	
1959 Tax	\$ 3,000.00	
	<hr/>	3,340.75

Total Payments to Other	_____	
Governmental Divisions		4,649.84
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$ 22,636.04
Cash on hand December 31, 1959		4,724.56
		_____
Grand Total		\$ 27,360.60

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	1,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Fire Department, Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,100.00
Equipment	4,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	4,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Land, Town Dump	200.00
	_____
Total	\$ 16,400.00

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

**Town Officers' Salaries**

Walter Stevens	300.00	
L. A. Nettleton	\$ 100.00	
Vernon Matthews	100.00	
Eileene Matthews	200.00	
Anne M. Esty	130.00	
Vernon Matthews	10.00	
Flora Matthews	30.40	
Zelma Watts	28.26	
	<hr/>	\$ 898.46

**Town officers' Expenses**

Enterprise Press, town reports	\$ 181.50
W. Wadsworth, checkwriter	20.38
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags	5.27
L. A. Nettleton, expenses	47.63
Agnes A. Lane	100.00
Brown & Saltmarsh	15.81
State of N. H., book	.50
Wheeler & Clark, selectmen's stamp	4.56
W. Stevens, expense	41.01
W. Wadsworth, file cabinet	20.00
Bristol Enterprise, ballots	2.40
John C. Ray, bonds	41.00
Charles R. Hardy, town clerk's dues	3.00
A. M. Esty, trip to Concord	4.57
Sargent Bros., tax forms	11.40
Ida Rowell, tax collector's dues	3.00
H. J. Follansbee, stapler	2.95
Charles A. Wood, transfers	2.72
Anna D. Proctor, transfer	.40
Wheeler & Clark, dog license book	3.52
F. J. Shores, transfer fees	6.24

Brown & Saltmarsh, tax collector's supplies	2.15	
A. M. Esty, tax sale expense	26.25	
Annie M. Esty, expense	32.84	
Eileen Matthews, expense	72.32	
Record Print, envelopes	7.50	
Sargent Bros., envelopes	3.40	
Bank charges	1.64	
	<hr/>	\$ 664.46

#### **Election and Registration**

Edythe Newton	\$ 25.27	
Yvonne Stevens	6.25	
Ellen Matthews	6.65	
Lillian Colby	23.94	
E. Matthews	21.28	
Anne Esty	6.65	
Carroll D. Matthews	7.98	
Flora Matthews	6.65	
Enterprise Press, ballots	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 115.07

#### **Town Hall and Other Buildings**

Prescott Lumber, shingles for annex	\$ 96.50	
A. M. Rand, paint	8.14	
Vernon Matthews, painting town hall	23.26	
Vernon Matthews, shingling annex	23.94	
E. Matthews, shingling annex	23.94	
N. E. Electric, electricy for town hall	33.00	
E. Matthews, Jr., painting town hall	38.57	
V. Matthews, painting town hall	38.57	
Frachers Hardware paint and brushes	59.48	
	<hr/>	\$ 345.40

#### **Police Department**

Lewis J. Albert	\$ 35.00
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**Insurance**

John C. Ray	\$ 154.65
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**Old Age Assistance**

State of New Hampshire (town's share)	\$ 1,111.21
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**North End Roads**

Perley Matthews, labor	163.02
C. G. Matthews, tractor	72.00
C. Hutchins, labor	202.16
F. Waldron, labor	53.20
N. Waldron, labor	53.20
D. Esty, dynamite	10.63
L. Bowles, labor	264.67
N. Smith, labor	61.18
Flora Matthews, trip to Bristol	2.50
Bartlett Auto, supplies	38.56
E. Matthews, Jr., labor	6.65
N. Braley, gasoline	19.29
P. Matthews, brush clippers	6.05
P. Matthews, tractor rental	18.84
W. Noyes, gasoline	50.99
Hights Service Station, gasoline	37.86

**Burning Brush:**

Perley Matthews, labor	24.37
Ernest Matthews, labor	25.27
C. G. Matthews, tractor	36.00

State of N. H., tarring Cheever Road	632.37
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\$ 1,778.75

**South End Road**

Perley Matthews, labor	\$ 243.73
E. Matthews, labor	45.22
E. Butterfield, labor	121.03
C. G. Matthews, tractor	142.00
L. Bowles, labor	3.99
Don Esty, dynamite	43.00

E. McClellan, gasoline	20.65	
C. Hutchins, labor	26.60	
N. Braley, gasoline	26.24	
E. Matthews, Jr., labor	38.57	
Berg & Ireland, bridge plank	35.40	
N. Smith, labor	123.69	
W. Stevens, trip to Bristol	2.40	
C. Matthews, labor	9.31	
Raymond Davis, tractor	104.00	
Perley Matthews, gravel	13.20	
Perley Matthews, tools	4.27	
Perley Matthews, truck	35.76	
Perley Matthews, paint	5.50	
Perley Matthews	2.00	
E. Matthews, trip to Bristol	2.50	
F. Colby, Jr., trip to Bristol	2.50	
Follansbee, tools	30.06	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,081.62
North End Roads — Schedule		1,778.75
		<hr/>
		\$ 2,860.37

### Snow Removal

Perley Matthews, labor	\$ 810.81
Perley Matthews, truck	28.26
Ernest Matthews, labor	492.58
C. G. Matthews, tractor	123.00
E. McClellan, gasoline	245.97
J. Albert, sand	24.00
C. Hutchins, labor	38.57
N. Smith, labor	99.75
Charles Matthews, labor	38.57
E. Matthews, Jr., labor	65.17
Vernon Matthews, labor	17.13
L. Bowles, labor	7.98
N. Braley, gasoline	79.01

Woodward, towing truck	5.90
H. St. Lawrence, tractor	16.00
Ernest Carter	45.00
Barnard's Garage, repairs	5.00
N. Waldron, labor	2.66
Wirthmore, salt	79.40
Hazelton, plow	116.15
S. E. Lane, truck	4.00
	————— \$ 2,344.91

#### **General Expense Highway Department**

Bartlett Auto, repairs and tires	\$ 826.00
R. C. Hazelton, snow plow equipment	26.41
John C. Ray, insurance	64.20
Blake Chevrolet, truck tire	108.65
	————— \$ 1,025.26

#### **Town Dump**

Miriam Rabonowitz, purchase of land	\$ 200.00
John R. French, survey	27.50
E. Butterfield, labor	33.25
N. Smith, labor	39.90
N. Smith, power saw	16.00
S. E. Lane, labor	3.33
L. A. Nettleton, signs and transportation	16.60
Rand's, paint and bolts	4.42
R. Davis, bul'dozing	88.00
P. Merrill, drawing and recording deed	8.99
E. Matthews, burning dump	12.78
Raymond Davis, bulldozing	44.00
W. Stevens, expenses	17.70
	————— \$ 512.47

**Parks and Playgrounds**

V. Matthews, repairing fence and fireplace, etc.	\$ 37.24	
R. Davis, bulldozing ditch	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 49.24

**Cemeteries**

E. Butterfield, clearing Rolfe Hill Cemetery	\$ 21.28	
L. Kinne, clearing Union Cemetery	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 24.28

**Flood Damage**

W. Stevens, labor	\$ 163.02	
E. Butterfield, labor	158.27	
E. Matthews, Jr., labor	23.94	
N. Smith, labor	30.59	
P. Matthews, truck	156.09	
N. Braley, gasoline	55.57	
F. Colby, Jr., labor	39.90	
E. Matthews, labor	144.97	
R. Davis, loader	816.00	
R. Davis, truck	135.30	
E. Matthews, gravel	245.60	
Forrest Adams, bulldozer	756.00	
Perley Matthews, gravel	11.10	
E. Hobart, labor	34.91	
Carroll Matthews, labor	15.00	
Forrest Adams, truck	823.40	
Town of Alexandria, grader	150.00	
State of N. H., road signs	81.96	
Bert & Ireland planks	29.12	
Foster Bros., gas	9.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,880.14



* Note: The State of N. H. will reimburse	
the town to the extent of 1960 T.R.A.	\$ 1,910.21
50% of the excess cost over \$2,525.94 or	677.10
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	\$ 2,587.35
Resulting in a net cost to the town of	\$ 1,292.79

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

### Summary of Warrant — Levy of 1959

#### DEBITS:

##### **Taxes Committed to Collector:**

Property Taxes	\$ 17,235.22
Poll Taxes	100.00
Total Warrant	————— \$ 17,335.22
Yield Taxes	1,325.31
Added Taxes	
Property Taxes	17.50
Poll Taxes	4.00
Interest	.32
Total Debits	————— \$ 18,682.35

#### CREDITS:

##### **Remittances to Treasurer:**

Property Taxes	\$ 15,119.18
Poll Taxes	42.00
Yield Taxes	921.45
Discount	396.49
Interest	.32

##### **Abatements:**

Property	24.50
Poll Taxes	4.00

##### **Uncollected Taxes:**

Property	1,712.55
Poll Taxes	58.00
Yield	403.86
Total Credits	————— \$ 18,682.35

### Summary of Warrant — Levy of 1958

#### DEBITS:

##### **Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1959:**

Property Taxes	\$ 2,105.93
Poll Taxes	52.00

Yield Taxes	508.57	
Interest	86.97	
Total Debits	—————	\$ 2,753.47

## CREDITS:

**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Property Taxes	\$2,092.39
Poll Taxes	44.00
Yield Taxes	403.89
Interest	86.97

**Uncollected Taxes:**

Yield Taxes	104.68
Poll Taxes	8.00
Abatements	13.54
Total Credits	————— \$ 2,753.47

**Summary of Warrant — Levy of 1957**

## DEBITS:

**Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1959**

Yield Taxes	\$ 214.15	
Total Debits	—————	\$ 214.15

## CREDITS:

**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Yield Taxes	\$ 40.00
Uncollected Taxes	174.15
Total Credits	————— \$ 214.15

**Summary of Warrant****State Head Tax — Levy of 1959**

## DEBITS:

**State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:**

Original Warrant	\$ 315.00	
Added Taxes	20.00	
Total Warrant	—————	\$ 335.00
Penalties	1.50	
Total Debits	—————	\$ 336.50

**CREDITS:****Remittances to Treasurer:**

Head Taxes	\$ 150.00	
Penalties	1.50	
Uncollected Taxes	185.00	
Total Credits	—————	\$ 336.50

**Summary of Warrant****State Head Tax — Levy of 1958****DEBITS:****Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1959**

Head Taxes	\$ 165.00	
Penalties	19.50	
Total Debits	—————	\$ 184.50

**CREDITS:**

Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 145.00	
Penalties	19.50	
Uncollected	20.00	
Total Credits	—————	\$ 184.50

**Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of Dec. 31, 1959****DEBITS:****Tax Sale o/a of Levy of 1958:**

Taxes sold to town Sept. 26, 1959	\$ 231.42	
Taxes sold to Purchasers	111.13	
Interest Collected	.02	
Total Debits	—————	\$ 342.57

**Tax Sale o/a of Levy of 1957:****Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Jan.**

1, 1959	\$ 400.17	
Interest Collected	8.18	
Redemption costs	.50	
Total Debits	—————	\$ 408.85

## CREDITS:

**Tax Sale o/a of Levy of 1958:**

Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 77.09	
Unredeemed Taxes	265.48	
Total Credits	<hr/>	\$ 342.57

**Tax Sale as o/a of Levy of 1957:**

## CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 102.75	
Interest	8.18	
Redemption Costs	.50	
Unredeemed Taxes	297.42	
Total Credits	<hr/>	\$ 408.85

ANNIE M. ESTY,

Tax Collector

## REPORT OF TREASURER

## RECEIPTS:

**Annie M. Esty, Collector:**

1959 Property Tax	\$ 15,119.18
Interest	.32
1959 Polls	42.00
1959 Head Tax	150.00
1959 Penalties	1.50
1959 Yield Tax	921.45
1958 Property Tax	1,807.74
1958 Interest	72.82
1958 Polls	44.00
1958 Head Tax	150.00
1958 Penalties	15.00
1958 Yield Tax	403.89
1957 Yield Tax	40.00
Tax Sale	89.19
Interest	4.44
Taxes Bought by the Town	195.46
Interest	9.71
Taxes Redeemed	422.05
<b>State of New Hampshire:</b>	
Plowing Roads	1,018.90
TRA Return	157.18
TRA Refund-Duncan Fund	70.52
Interest and Dividend Tax	65.79
Rent of Town-Piermont Job	150.00
Savings Bank Tax	.64
Reimbursement a/c Tax Loss, State Lands	19.05
Plowing Driveways	189.00
<b>Selectmen:</b>	
Pistol Permits	1.50
Anne Nettleton, Printing Library Page, Town Report	4.00
Groton School District, Printing School Report	34.00

Camp Chicadee, Cement Tile	45.00
Town of Hebron, Tile	69.00
<b>John Ray:</b>	
Return Premium on Insurance	47.59
<b>Town Clerk:</b>	
Auto Permit Fees	641.59
Dog Tax	47.40
<b>Pemigewasset National Bank:</b>	
Loan	2,000.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 24,049.91
Cash on Hand January 1, 1959	3,310.69
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Grand Total	\$ 27,360.60
<b>PAYMENTS:</b>	
Selectmen's Orders Paid	22,636.04
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Balance	\$ 4,724.56

Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

Treasurer

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

## Received from Auto Permits:

Auto Permit Fees Collected		\$ 641.59
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## Received from Dog Licenses:

Dog Taxes Collected	\$ 52.00	
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Less Clerk's Fees	4.60	
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	<hr/>	\$ 47.40
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Paid to the Treasurer		<hr/> \$ 688.99
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Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

Town Clerk

There were no fires reported for the year 1959.



# REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF GROTON, N. H. ON DECEMBER 31, 1959

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Bal. of Income Begin. of Year	Income During Year	Expended in Year	Bal. of Income End of Year
Unknown	George W Hall Fund	Care of Lot	Bank Deposit	\$100.00	\$44.64	\$4.53	—	\$49.17
Unknown	Cyrus Blood Fund	Care of Lot	Bank Deposit	50.00	31.62	2.55	—	34.17
				<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$76.26</u>	<u>\$7.08</u>		<u>\$83.34</u>

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. A. NETTLETON, Trustee  
January 1, 1960

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Books owned Jan. 1, 1959		2,222
Books added by State of N. H.	2	
Books added by Library	6	
Books added by gifts	25	
On hand	————	2,255
Books borrowed from Bookmobile		260

**Services:**

Volumes of adult fiction loaned	302	
Volumes of non-fiction loaned	35	
Volumes of Juvenile fiction loaned	72	
Total	————	409
Total Circulation:		
Regular borrowers	33	
New borrowers	2	
School children	59	
	————	94

**Cash Statement:**

Received from fines	\$ 2.74	
Desk supplies, postage, etc.	.60	
On hand	————	\$ 2.14

**Children's Hour**

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1959	\$ 1.36	
Donations:		
Mrs. Carroll Matthews	1.00	
Mrs. Mary Lamprey	5.00	
Anonymous	2.76	
Total Receipts	————	\$10.12

**Expenses:**

A B C Blocks	\$ 2.00
Valentine Party	1.50
Play Dough	1.96
Construction Toy	1.00
Paints, paper, etc.	2.36

Christmas party	1.30	
Total Expenses	<hr/>	\$ 10.12

**Attendance:**

Pre-School Children	92	
School Children	87	
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**REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER****Receipts Jan. 1, 1959 to Dec. 31, 1959**

Balance Jan. 1, 1959	\$ 27.85	
Selectmen	300.00	
Anne Nettleton	30.30	
Gift	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 368.15

**Payments Jan. 1, 1959 to Dec. 31, 1959**

## April

18 Readers Digest, Book	\$ 9.00
22 Anne Nettleton, Book, Salary	16.00
28 Plymouth Furniture Co., Stove	25.00

## May

4 L. Nettleton, Door	5.00
4 S. E. Lane, 3 Trips to Plymouth	6.00
4 Lillian Colby, Painting Annex	32.50
9 American Heritage, Book	10.95
9 Higgins & Wilson, Paint	19.56
9 Clay's News Stand, Record Book	2.75
9 Norris Smith, Labor	2.66
9 Perley Matthews, Labor on Door	14.63

## June

3 Anne Nettleton, Salary	12.00
20 Lena Matthews, Cleaning	10.50
20 Donald Colby, Mowing Lawn	4.00

## July

6 Paul Adams, Wiring Annex	14.55
10 Anne Nettleton, Salary	12.00

## August

18 Anne Nettleton, Salary	15.00
18 N. H. Electric, Lights	5.50
21 Rand's Hardware Co., Lock	3.20
21 Donald Colby, Mowing Lawn	1.00
21 Donald Colby, Mowing Lawn	1.00

## September

2 Readers Digest	7.47
11 Anne Nettleton, Salary	12.00
25 Farm Bureau Insurance	19.53
25 Follansbee	3.20

## October

21 Anne Nettleton, Salary	15.00
21 N. H. Electric, Lights	2.75

## November

4 Anne Nettleton, Salary	12.00
17 N. H. Electric, Lights	5.50

## December

12 N. H. Electric, Lights	2.75
12 Anne Nettleton, Salary	6.00
12 Readers Digest	2.49
31 N. H. Electric, Lights	2.75
Check Books	5.00

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\$ 319.24

Check Book Balance 48.91

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\$ 368.15

FLORA MATTHEWS

Treasurer

**VITAL STATISTICS****Marriages**

In Groton, N. H., September 5, 1959, by Rev. C. H. Moyer, Herbert W. Hayes of Groton, N. H., and Jessie M. Fisk of Rehoboth, Mass.

In Hebron, N. H., by Rev. Eric W. Bascom, Robert Lawrence Smith of Wentworth, N. H., and Mary Elizabeth White of Groton, N. H.

**Births**

In Plymouth, N. H., April 14, 1959, to Lewis J. and Helen L. Albert, a daughter, Diane Mary.

In Plymouth, N. H., September 18, 1959, to Roland E. and Constance P. Matthews, a daughter, Debra Ann.

I hereby certify that the above records are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

Town Clerk

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GROTON****District Officers**

Carroll D. Matthews	Moderator
Mrs. Heene A. Matthews	Treasurer
Mrs. Heene A. Matthews	Clerk
Mrs. Zelma Watts	Auditor

**School Board**

Mrs Annie M. Esty	Term expires 1960
Mrs. Flora Matthews	Term expires 1961
Mrs. Beatrice Smith	Term expires 1962

**Teacher**

Mrs. Rosamund Orr

**Superintendent of Schools**

C. Maurice Gray

**School Nurse**

Mrs. Rita H. Webster

**School Calendar 1960-61**

Open Sept. 6	Close Dec. 22
Open Jan. 3	Close Feb. 17
Open Feb. 27	Close Apr. 21
Open May 1	Close June 14

(or completion of 180 days)

Days out: Teachers' Convention Oct. 20, 21; Nov. 24, 25; May 30.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 with pupils in attendance.

Pupils must enter the first grade if six by Sept. 30 and may enter if six by Jan. 1.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

## COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

ITEM	Expend. 1958-59	Budget 1959-60	Est. Exp. 1959-60	Est. Bdgt. 1960-61
<b>Administration</b>				
Salaries of district officers	\$129.00	\$144.00	\$144.00	\$144.00
Superintendent's salary	70.21	105.26	105.26	102.90
Tax for state wide supervision	52.00	42.00	42.00	32.00
Salaries of admin. personnel	72.12	76.60	76.60	70.78
Supplies and expenses	184.38	130.00	190.00	190.00
<b>Instruction</b>				
Teachers' salaries	3,317.80	3,450.00	3,500.00	3,550.00
Books and other aids	107.27	40.00	60.00	40.00
Scholars' supplies	70.71	35.00	70.00	35.00
Supplies and other expenses	53.06	10.00	10.00	20.00
<b>Operation of School Plant</b>				
Salary of janitor	25.00	36.00	50.00	50.00
Fuel or heat	234.49	200.00	250.00	250.00
Water, light, supplies & exp.	45.35	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>				
Repairs and replacements	65.25	150.00	100.00	150.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>				
Health supervision	55.80	55.40	55.40	52.68
Transportation of pupils	1,341.18	1,152.00		
Tuition, high school	1,826.00	1,825.00	730.00	1,197.00
Special act. & special funds		35.00	35.00	35.00
<b>Fixed Charges</b>				
Retirement	241.03	250.00	250.00	255.00
Insurance, treas. bonds & exp	46.70	5.00	5.00	143.50
<b>Contingency Fund</b>				
		300.00		300.00
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
New equipment	174.63		300.00	77.78
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,111.98</b>	<b>\$8,141.26</b>	<b>\$6,073.26</b>	<b>\$6,795.64</b>

## SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1959

Summary:

Cash on hand July 1, 1958	\$ 1,832.63
Received from Selectmen, Current	
Appropriation	\$ 6,840.75
Received from All Other Sources	14.50
Total Receipts	\$ 6,855.25
<b>Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year</b>	<b>8,687.88</b>
Less School Board Orders Paid	8,111.98
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1959	\$ 575.90

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

Treasurer

### Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Groton, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 and find them correct in all respects.

ZELMA G. WATTS,

Auditor



## SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

### Receipts from:

Selectmen, current appropriation	\$ 6,840.75
Sale of School desks	14.50
Total Receipts	————— \$ 6,855.25
Cash on hand June 30, 1958	1,832.63
	—————
Grand Total	\$ 8,687.88

### Detailed Statement of Payments

#### Salaries of District Officers:

Beatrice Smith, school board	\$ 30.00
Flora Matthews, school board	30.00
Annie Esty, school board	30.00
Ileene Matthews, clerk & treasurer	30.00
Zelma Watts, auditor	4.00
	————— \$ 129.00

#### Superintendent's Salary:

Supervisory Union No. 4	70.21
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#### Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:

Supervisory Union No. 4, clerk's salary	72.12
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#### Supplies and Other Expenses of Administration:

Supervisory Union No. 4,	
share of union expenses	\$ 85.09
N. H. Public Welfare Dept.,	
adm. expense OASI	1.00
N. H. School Boards Assoc., dues	5.00
First National Bank, service charge	1.94
Annie Esty, expenses	23.20
Flora Matthews, expenses	13.50
Beatrice Smith, expenses	3.72
Brown, Saltmarsh, Inc., vouchers	14.47
Town of Groton, share of town reports	34.00

Heene Matthews, expenses	.33	
Buckland's Flowers	2.13	
	<hr/>	\$ 184.38

## Teachers' Salaries:

Rosamund Orr	\$ 2,672.78	
Director of Internal Revenue	411.00	
Treas., State of N. H., Soc. Sec.	82.12	
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	151.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,317.80

## Textbooks:

Scott, Foresman & Co.	\$ 11.96	
Martin & Murray Co., Inc.	32.45	
American Education Publications	4.80	
Bristol School District	27.36	
Charles E. Merrill Co., Inc.	5.72	
Gin and Co.	20.01	
Charles Scribner's Sons	2.76	
Franklin Watts, Inc.	2.21	
	<hr/>	\$ 107.27

## Scholars' Supplies:

Lyons & Carnahan	\$ .91	
Silver Burdett	10.94	
Milton Bradley Co.	8.43	
J. L. Hammett Co.	14.86	
Hebron School District	34.66	
Bristol School District	.91	
	<hr/>	\$ 70.71

## Other Expenses of Instruction:

Supervisory Union No.4, tests,		
report card envelopes, etc.	22.38	
Bristol School District	3.24	
Norton Braley, supplies	14.09	
Cardigan Sport Store	4.60	
Herbert E. Warren	8.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 53.06

Janitor's Salary:	
Calvin Colby	25.00

Fuel:	
Charles A. Carr Co.	234.49

Water, Light and Janitor Supplies:	
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Rand's	\$ 3.24	
N. H. Electric Cooperative	39.42	
Norton Braley	1.64	
Bristol School District	1.05	
	<hr/>	\$ 45.35

Repairs and Replacements:	
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Greenwood Plumbing Co., cleaning furnace	\$ 10.50	
Mary Hobart, cleaning school house	20.00	
Perley Matthews, work on yard	11.66	
Carroll Matthews, work on yard	8.00	
H. J. Follansbee Co., supplies	3.66	
Rand's, supplies	1.43	
Flora Matthews, fixing glass	5.00	
Floyd Colby, Jr., moving piano	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 65.25

Medical Inspection:	
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Supervisory Union No. 4, nurse's salary	55.80
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Transportation of Pupils:	
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Dorchester School District	\$ 158.58	
Theresa Tarr	30.60	
Carroll Matthews	1,152.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,341.18

High School Tuition:	
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Bristol School District	\$ 1,050.00	
Plymouth School District	776.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,826.00

Tax for State Wide Supervision:	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	52.00
Insurance and Other Fixed Charges:	
John C. Ray, insurance & treasurer's bond	46.70
New Equipment:	
Paris Mfg. Co., Desks and Chairs	\$ 70.00
Remington-Rand, adding machine	104.63
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	\$ 174.63
Retirement:	
Supervisory Union No. 4, retirement	
& soc. sec. for nurse, supt., clerk	\$ 19.43
N. H. State Treasurer, Soc. Sec.	49.56
N. H. Teachers Ret. System	172.04
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	\$ 241.03
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Total Expenditures	\$ 8,111.98

### Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

ANNIE M. ESTY

FLORA MATTEHWS

BEATRICE SMITH

School Board

**GENERAL STATISTICS****Enrollment by Grades**

1958 - 59									
Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
	1		1	2	2	1	1	1	9
1959 - 60									
Jan. 8	3	1		1	1	2		1	9

**District Totals**

1958 - 59	Av. Attend.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Attend.
	8.7	.5	9.2	94.6
1959 - 60	8.7	.3	9	97

Bristol High School — Rate \$365

Calvin Colby	Grade 9
Bonnie Lee Matthews	11

**SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE**

Estimated Balance	\$ 2,000.00
Federal Aid	30.36
Total Other Than Property Taxes	\$ 2,030.36
District Assessment	4,765.28
Total Appropriation	\$ 6,795.64

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 4 BUDGET 1958 - '59

District	Nurse	Travel	Office	Clerk	Conv.	Supt. Sal.		Travel	Total Before Credit	Total Paid
						Supt. '57 - '58	Less Cre- dit from			
Alexandria .....	\$113.50	\$73.78	\$25.54	\$145.70	\$5.68	\$215.65	\$143.28	\$68.10	\$635.61	\$576.58
Bridgewater .....	178.40	115.96	40.14	230.58	8.92	338.96	237.83	107.04	999.04	918.87
Bristol .....	756.80	491.92	170.28	978.16	37.84	1437.92	966.23	454.08	4238.08	3855.31
Canaan .....	573.40	372.71	129.02	741.12	28.67	1089.46	742.21	344.04	3211.05	2931.17
Danbury .....	124.80	81.12	28.08	161.30	6.24	237.12	157.24	74.88	698.88	633.66
Grafton .....	85.70	55.70	19.28	110.77	4.28	162.83	90.83	51.42	479.91	417.98
Groton .....	55.80	36.27	12.55	72.12	2.79	106.02	70.21	33.48	312.47	283.22
Hebron .....	94.60	61.49	21.29	122.28	4.73	179.74	121.43	56.76	529.77	482.58
Orange .....	17.00	11.05	3.82	21.97	.85	32.30	20.74	10.20	35.19	85.63
Totals	\$2000.00	\$1300.00	\$450.00	\$2585.00	\$100.00	\$3800.00	\$2550.00	\$1200.00	\$11200.00	\$10185.00
				State's Share		4000.00				
						\$7800.00				













